

The first in a trilogy of books known together as 'The Little Ottleys', this is a sparkling social comedy set in Edwardian London. Ada Leverson was a great friend and staunch supporter of Oscar Wilde and shared his love for sharp, witty writing. Like Wilde, her work is characterised by a wonderful ear for dialogue and deft characterization. 'Love's Shadow' introduces us to Bruce and Edith Ottley and their friends, who are to all appearances living the bright and carefree lives of the well-to-do. But there are cracks appearing in the facade. Bruce is staggeringly self-obsessed, a hypochondriac and a spendthrift, and Edith must learn to manage her stubborn, exasperating husband. Meanwhile their friends attempt to navigate the rocky rapids of love and marriage with varying degrees of success, and keep us thoroughly entertained along the way. (Helen Taylor)

Read by Helen Taylor. Total running time: 5:45:01



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